## "For God and Country.

Cloister of the Colonies. Washington Memorial Chapel. Patriots' Hall. Tower and Library

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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## The New Jersey State Panel.

**MEMORIAL OF MISS ELLEN MECUM.**

**Presented by Mrs. Erastus Gaylord Putnam.**

Evacuation Day, 1913, passed into history leaving another memorial at Valley Forge to tell of devotion to God and country. Bishop Garland had charge of the memorial service, and the Rev. Mr. Burk preached the sermon. While America was sung Miss Marion Hartranft, daughter of Mr. Samuel S. Hartranft, the superintendent of the Valley Forge Park, and granddaughter of General John Frederick Hartranft, drew aside the American flag that veiled the Panel. As she did so small silk flags fluttered through the air to be treasured as souvenirs of the event.

The New Jersey State Panel is the gift of Mrs. Erastus Gaylord Putnam, a devoted member of the New Jersey State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a Founder of the Patriots' Hall, Valley Forge, and a Life Patron of the Valley Forge Museum of American History.

In presenting the New Jesey State Panel Mrs. Putnam desired to honor her State and to commemorate the services of her friend, Miss Ellen Mecum, who, as State Regent of the Daughters of the

American Revolution, won the hearts of the members of the society, and later, as Vice President General, manifested her splendid qualities in the position of greater responsibility.

From among the tributes to Miss Ellen Mecum, called forth by the unveiling of this Panel in her memory, we select the following from Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, Honorary President General of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Expressing regret that distance made it impossible for her "to attend the beautiful and sacred service which will do honor to my beloved friend and devoted co-worker, Miss Ellen Mecum," Mrs. Scott said:

"No purer spirit has it been my good fortune to be associated with in the great D. A. R. work which so absorbed us both.

"Fidelity was the watch word of her noble life and it would have given me a sad satisfaction had it been possible to add on this occasion my tribute of deep and abiding affection.

"All the wealth of her vigorous personality—her splendid energy—her robust and unquenchable loyalty to our organization—all the qualities of heart and mind and soul which go into the making of a steadfast friend and devoted Christian D. A. R. worker were contained in this noble woman—with whose warm friendship I was blessed."

The New Jersey State Panel is the first in the great "Roof of the Republic," which will be the crowning glory of the Washington Memorial Chapel. Every State will have its Panel and on the central boss will be carved the State arms, which will be properly colored. The New Jersey Panel is of oak and is hand carved. It occupies a temporary place in the ceiling and visitors fom all parts of the land have admired this gift of patriotism and friendship.

The name of the State, the name of Mrs. Eastus Gaylord Putnam, the donor, and that of Miss Ellen Mecum will be preserved by a bronze tablet on the wall. Necessarily the commemorative tablets must have brief inscriptions as there must be room found for fifty-eight dedications.

An effort will be made this fall to secure the entire number of State Panels, that when the Chapel is completed, as we expect it will be next year, the "Roof of the Republic" may be put in place.

## Our Picnics.

Perfect weather and good fellowship made our picnc days a delight. The Chapel and King-of-Prussia schools knew what a day at Valley Forge meant, but Trinity Mission had it all to learn. Mr. Burk went over the grounds with the latter, as he had done in years gone by with the other schools, explaining the points of interest and making the story of Valley Forge real. The sports were full of fun, and the hours went so quickly that all too soon the sun set, and the horses turned their heads homeward.

## Business.

This paper is published to further the development of Valley Forge, and especially the Washington Memorial. For ten years the work on the latter has been carried on by one man with such clerical assistance as friends could render. This summer that one man was stricken down, and for months has done his work under conditions which are nearly impossible. A nervous break-down is not met best in the face of overwork and overdoing.

But this is no appeal for sympathy for him. He simply goes on doing the impossible, knowing full well the folly of it, but knowing that there is no escape from it.

Our concern is not the man nor his burden. Our concern is the work he has at heart. The task is a gigantic one. The achievements are a marvel to all who know the story.

Is it common sense to expect one man to be the rector of a parish, a curator of a museum, a librarian of a library, an editor of a paper, to add no more, without a clerk? For, after all, this work is a business. It must be advertised. A canvass

must be made for the money for its development. Appeals must be mailed. Letters must be written. Accounts must be kept. Gifts must be acknowledged. Relics must be sought, bought or begged, catalogued and arranged. Books must be gathered and catalogued. Visitors must be entertained and interested. Questions must be answered.

Who is to do all this? One man with the help of his wife in a busy life.

It is poor business. A stenographer could do much of this work. The wheels would always revolve instead of at uncertain seasons. The movement would bring money, and money would carry forward the work to its goal.

It takes business sense to see this, but surely some of our readers ought to see it and see it so strongly that the necessary salary for a clerk, for, say a year, will be forthcoming. The results will follow.

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## "Postal Currency."

Mr. David B. Bowman, of West Chester, was a recent visitor to the Museum and has became a contributor to it. He has presented a silver proof medal of Garfield and Lincoln, struck at the United States mint shortly after Garfield's death.

He also has sent the five and ten-cent stamps of the issue of 1862 to place with our "Postal Currency" notes, which stamps first gave the idea of designs of our first fractional notes. The issues above ten cents and below one dollar are called "Fractional Currency."

Mr. Bowman says the idea of these issues originated with a woman. At market she made purchases to the amount of ninety cents, and the farmer had no change. But he did have ten cents in stamps. These she took as change, and on her next trip to market she carried slips of paper with stamps pasted on them. As stamps were then exchangeable for currency at the post offices, these stamp notes became at once popular, and resulted in the adoption of the "Postal" and "Fractional" currency.

Mr. Bowman is a collector and owns a very valuable collection of American coins.

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## A Memorial to the Rev. Francis Thompson Hallowell Finn.

On Sunday, July 27th, the Rev. Mr. Burk suggested to the Sunday school the erection of a memorial to the late Rev. Francis Thompson Hallowell Finn, who for three years and a half had given himself so freely to the work at Valley Forge and King-of-Prussia. The suggestion was accepted with enthusiasm, and as the members of the school have no money to give, they determined to work for the sum required. The first effort was the Lawn Fete for which Mr. Henderson Supplee most generously offered his lawn.

A committee will be appointed to carry the work to completion, and it is hoped that members of the parish and other friends of Mr. Finn will give generously that a worthy memorial may be placed in the Chapel.

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## The State of Pennsylvania and the Park.

The State of Pennsylvania has been slow to recognize the importance of Valley Forge, and what has been done has been accomplished in the face of a dull indifference. To Ex-Governor Pennypacker is due the credit for the most generous treatment of the Park, and his efforts have always been on its behalf. Governor Tener had to cut the appropriations to make them come within the income of the State, and Valley Forge was one of the great public works to suffer. This is greatly to be deplored, for here the State is representing the Nation. This is not a private matter, but a national affair. The Valley Forge Park Commission will be unable to carry out its plans for the enlargement of the Park, and the approaches to Sullivan's Bridge must wait for two more years. All this is to be regretted.

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Miss Mary Pugh, Organist.

Mr. William Rumford, Sexton.

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Committee on Memorial Windows—The Rev. Henry Martyn Medary, the Rev. L. C. Washburn, S. T. D.; Joseph Hornor Coates, William Drayton, William H. Reeves.

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**Sundays.**

10.45 A. M. Service and Sermon.
2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.
Holy Communion, First Sunday.

The Parish House, King-of-Prussia:
9 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
7.30 P. M. Service and Sermon.
Saints' Days, 9.30 A. M. Holy Communion.

## Calendar.

SEPTEMBER.

17. Ember Day.
18. 8 P. M. Confirmation Lecture, Trinity Mission.
19. Ember Day. 8 P. M. Confirmation Lecture.
20. Ember Day.
21. St. Matthew.
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
25. 8 P. M. Confirmation Lecture, Trinity Mission.
26. 8 P. M. Confirmation Lecture.
28. Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.
29. St. Michael and All Angels.
7.30 A. M. Holy Communion.

OCTOBER.

1. 2.30 P. M. Guild meeting.
2. 8 P. M. Confirmation Lecture, Trinity Mission.
3. 8 P. M. Confirmation Lecture.
5. Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.
6. 8 P. M. Vestry meeting.
9. 8 P. M. Confirmation Lecture, Trinity Mission.
10. 8 P. M. Confirmation Lecture.
12. Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.

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**TRINITY MISSION.**

BAPTISM.

Aug. 17. Catherine Marjorie Varian.

## The Annual Meeting of the Guild.

The annual meeting of the Washington Chapel Guild was held at the residence of the President, Mrs. Charles Wells Walker, September 4. The report of the treasurer, Mrs. Nathan Hughes, showed another remarkable year's work. Plans were discussed for the future and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Charles Wells Walker; vice-president, Miss Mary M. Hibbs; secretary, Mrs. Clayland S. Walker; treasurer, Mrs. Nathan B. Hughes. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

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## Teacher Training.

The Rev. Mr. Burk has conducted a Teacher Training Class at Gulph Mills during the summer. Not only were the teachers of Trinity Mission and some from the Washington Memorial Chapel and King-of-Prussia schools present, but the people in the neighborhood attended so that often there were thirty or forty to listen to the lectures.

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## Ten Thousand Dollars for Memorials.

This summer has been one of notable progress for the Washington Memorial Chapel. In the "Cloister of the Colonies," the New York Bay has been built, with its beautiful open-air pulpit. In the "Roof of the Republic" the first State Panel has been placed, the New Jersey Panel. The Commander-in-Chief's Door" has been hung. This is a goodly list of gifts, but in addition to it more than ten thousand dollars have been pledged for memorials. Nothing speaks more forcibly than this of a progress that must cheer the most faint-hearted supporter.

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General Zook Post, No. 11, G. A. R., took a prominent part in the celebration of Evacuation Day, and the veterans were paid every tribute of respect, being honored guests of the occasion.

## The Marine Tablet.

To the patriotism of our old soldiers, the staunch friends of the Washington Memorial, we owe a notable gift. General S. K. Zook Post, No. 11, G. A. R., has manifested the deepest interest in the progress of this work, as was shown by the presence of the veterans on Evacuation Day. When it became possible to secure memorial tablets made of the metal recovered from the "S. S. Maine," the Post made an appeal for one to be presented to the Valley Forge Museum of American History for preservation in the Patriots' Hall.

On Saturday, August 30, the tablet, No. 341, arrived, and was placed temporarily in the Chapel. The tablet is eighteen inches wide by thirteen high and represents America mourning the loss of her heroes on the "Maine." She bears a circular shield with the words PATRIOTISM and DEVOTION on the outer circle in whose center are the national arms. A single palm branch speaks of the Christian's belief in the eternal victory. Across the upper space are the words: IN MEMORIAM, and below the picture of the wreck.

U. S. S. MAINE
DESTROYED IN HAVANA HARBOR
FEBRUARY 15TH, 1898.

Along the base is this statement:

THIS TABLET IS CAST FROM METAL RECOVERED FROM THE U. S. S. MAINE.

The tablet was designed by Chas. Keck, the sculptor, and cast by Jno. Williams, Inc. Bronze, New York, for the United States government.

The United States government has presented the tablet to the Valley Forge Museum of American History in which it will have an honored position. The Museum has a number of "Maine" relics, including the ship's clinameter, and one of its signal flags, a knapsack, and the relics in the Spear collection, one-pound practice shells, one-pound shells, and a rifle, a scarf pin made from the ship's metal, and

the six-inch powder case presented by the government at the request of the Norristown Council.

Arangements will be made for the formal dedication of the tablet at some future date, but in the meantime we place on record our appreciation of this new honor and new art work so full of historic interest.

## A Valley Forge Collection.

Very few relics of the soldiers of Valley Forge are found at this late day, although there are a few in the Museum, and also some at the Headquarters and Camp School. The greatest collection in existence is that of Mr. George H. Anders, of Norristown, which will soon become the property of the Valley Forge Museum of American History.

These relics were found years ago and purchased by Mr. Anders from various persons as they were discovered. The collection includes a large number of Indian relics, all picked up on the hills of Valley Forge.

Mr. Anders felt the collection ought to go to Valley Forge and some time ago offered it to Mr. Burk for the Valley Forge Museum for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars. Knowing the importance of securing these relics he at once set to work to raise the money. Already more than one-fifth of the amount has been raised, and on August 5 he paid to Mr. Anders the first payment of One Hundred Dollars. The summer was a poor time for an effort of this kind, but the time is at hand when an appeal for an object of this importance should not be in vain. What is wanted is one hundred to give Five Dollars each. Some who felt they could not afford this amount have sent smaller contributions, for they wanted to have some part in giving to Valley Forge this great collection. If any of our readers are interested, and all ought to be, they can help greatly by sending their contributions to Mr. Burk and by urging their friends to assist. In our next number we will publish some acount of the Ander's collection and the list of the contributors to the fund for its purchase for the Valley Forge Museum of American History.

## The Steps of Fame.

The great stairway in the Thanksgiving Tower is to be a dignified and impressive memorial, as each step will commemorate an American patriot. The steps are to be of granite with a bronze railing. On each riser will be a bronze tablet with the brief inscription of the name, date of birth and death, record of service and donor's name. By these "Steps of Fame" there will be access to the second floor of the Patriots' Hall and to the bell floor of the Tower. The Tower will be a great landmark at Valley Forge, as it has been found necessary to increase its height to conform with the larger plan of the memorial group.

Another of the "Steps of Fame" has been taken, and it will not be long before all these memorials are given. Then, as in the case of the "Pews of the Patriots," there will be disappointment on the part of many that another great opportunity has been allowed to pass. We would therefore recommend those who are contemplating memorials to consider the "Steps of Fame." The price of each step, with inscription tablet and endowment, is $250.

## Confirmation.

The Confirmation Classes have been formed, and the rector is busy instructing the candidates. The hour for the Chapel class has been changed to 8 o'clock on Friday evening. The Trinity Mission class meets on Thursday evening at the same hour.

The Lawn Fete on the grounds of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Munshower was a great success. The people worked with a will and the sum of $172.82 was added to the Building Fund of Trinity Mission.

## A VALLEY FORGE ORDERLY BOOK

**Printed by Courtesy of Its late Owner, Mr. George Clifford Thomas.**

Head Quarters, March 29th, 1778.

Officers tomorrow
- Brigadier.....Varnum.
- Field Officers...Lieut. Colo. Harvey, Major Peters.
- Brigade Major..... ...Ogden.

As the Stormy weather prevents the Brigade Inspectors to be at Meeting this nday agreeable to yesterdays orders. The Subbs and Brigade Inspectors, with the Officers and Noncommissiond Officers, who were to assemble at 10 O'Clock this day, will attend first day at said time and place. The following Officers are appointed Brigade Inspectors and are to be obeyed and respected as such in their several respective Brigades, Colo. Tupper in Gen. Paterson's Brigade Lieut. Colo Sproul in Genl Glover's, Major Wallace in Woodford's, Major Cabbal in Weeden's, Major Hull in Leonard's, Major Fish in Poor's, Major Brimfield in Maxwell's, Major Ryan in the 1st Pennsylvania, Major Hewling in the late Conway's, Captain Smith in Varnum's, Captn. Inglis in McIntosh's, Captn McGowen 2nd Pennsylvania, Captn Walker of Colo. Livingstone's Regiment is appointed Brigade Major P. T. in Genl Poor's Brigade, and is to be obeyed and respected as such.

Lost the 28th inst a small Pocket book containing some Cash in Continental Bills, several amts. belonging to the 9th Pensya Regt.

As the amounts can be of no service but to the Subscriber it is hoped if found, will be returned, and the Cash will be readily bestowed on them.

Jos. Knox Qr. Mr. Genl.
Pensa. Regt.

Head Quarters, March 30th, 1778.

Officers tomorrow
- Brigadier.....Poor.
- Field Officers...Lieut. Colo. Beauford, Major Porter.
- Brigade Major.. .....McCormick.

The Genl Court Martial wherof Colo. Ogden is president is disolved, and another ordered to sit to-morrow morning 10 O'Clock at the usual place, Whereof Colo. Vose is appointed president to try all persons who shall be brought before them, each Brigade gives a Captn. for the Court. A Subb: and 2 privates from Genl. McIntoshe's Brigade furnished with 2 days provision to attend the Cloathiers store to morrow A. M. to receive the Commissary of Prisoners directions.

As the Operation of the ensuing Campaign, whether Offensive or defensive, renders it indispensibly necessary, that the spare baggage of the Army—should be at a distance from this Camp, and it may be inconvenient, perhaps impracticable for want of Teams to remove it at the instant it may become absolutely requisite, The Genl. desires that the Officers will lose no time in disengaging themselves from everything they can possibly part with, on the means for removing it, they may consult the Q. M. G. who may have empty Waggons returning from Camp.

At a Genl. Court Martial whereof Colo. Swift was president March 23d, 78. Lieut. Colo. P. Rigniur, tried for disobedience of orders and refused to do duty where required by his superior Officer in a stile unbecoming an inferior Officer, was acquitted of the charge with honour—

His Excellency the Commander in Chief approves the sentence, and orders Lieut. Colo. Regniur to be dismissed from his arrest.

Head Quarters, March 31st, 1778.

Officers tomorrow
- Brigadier.....McIntosh.
- Field Officers...Lieut. Colo. Ringnear, Major Campbell.
- Brigade Major..... ...Brian.

Germantown being appointed for the meeting of commissioners from the two Armies. A Strict neutrality and suspension of Hostilities are to be observed in all the extent of that Village; and all Officers whether Continental or Militia, are expressly forbid to enter there, either with their parties or singly; or to do any thing that may in any ways tend to violate the peace which is to subsist in the above mentioned place, till further orders.

By permission of the Honorable Congress the Pay M. Genl. has appointed Thomas Reed Esq to be his Assist. he

is to be considered as such, and the business of that department, in the absence of the Pay Master Genl. is to be transacted with him.

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## The Washington Cathedral.

On the tenth of August the Rev. W. Herbert Burk was the preacher at the People's Open Air Service at the Washington Cathedral, Mount Saint Alban, District of Columbia. Only the opening part of the service could be held by the Peace Cross, overlooking the city, as a storm was rapidly approaching. Therefore the clergy, choristers and congregation continued the service in the Bethlehem Chapel of the Holy Nativity. Canon De Vries had charge of the service, and at is close very courteously pointed out the more interesting features of this great work, the dream of Bishop Satterlee.

The great foundation stone was laid in 1907, and around and over it has been built the first part of the great Cathedral whose lines are marked on the grass, the crypt chapel.

"It is a matter for much congratulation and rejoicing that the Bethlehem Chapel of the Holy Nativity—the Crypt Chapel of the Cathedral in memory of Bishop Satterlee—has proved to be an architectural gem, a really faultless structure, exciting the unqualified admiration of all who see it, a work which does not suffer in comparison with much that is justly celebrated in the Old World. The harmonious proportions, the graceful forest of slender columns, the symmetrical curves of the vaulting and the devotional character of the whole building, are such as to inspire universal enthusiasm. It is a precious permanent possession of the Diocese of Washington, and a worthy memorial of its first Bishop, and will be of the utmost help to true religion and art. That this chapel can be as impressive as it undoubtedly is, irresistibility compels one to imagine the glorious possibilities of the completed Cathedral."

So wrote Dr. Wm. C. Rives and no better words can be found to describe the angels' hymn of praise crystallized on Mount Saint Albans in the Bethlehem Chapel of the Nativity.

Mr. and Mrs. Burk spent three days in Washington, visiting Arlington, Mount Vernon and other points of interest. Their visit was made most enjoyable by the courtesies shown them, notably by Dr. Marcus Benjamin, of the National Museum.

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## The First Open-Air Service.

The first public use of the open air pulpit was on the Fourth of July. The service was conducted by the rector, who read the Declaration of Independence from the pulpit and preached the sermon. The vested choirs of the Chapel and the two missions with their leaders, Miss Mary M. Hibbs, Miss Mary Pugh, and Mr. John Conrad, were accompanied by the Stevens Brass Quartette.

The service included the salute to the flag by the Gulph Mills Troop of Boy Scouts under Scoutmaster Munshower and closed with the baptism in the Chapel of Phillips Brooks Conrad and Frank Conrad.

Mr. and Mrs. Burk entertained all the choristers and scouts at a supper served in the picnic grove.

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## Trial Subscriptions.

We want to extend the usefulness of the Chronicle and therefore will send it for six months for ten cents. Send stamps, if more convenient.

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An interesting leaflet descriptive of Valley Forge is published by the General Passenger Department for free distribution, and can be obtained by addressing Edson J. Weeks, General Passenger Agent, Reading Terminal, Philadelphia.

The book contains a full page picture of Washington's Headquarters and the "Cloister of the Colonies."